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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 17, ([0036]) with the following amended paragraph:

FIGS. 1-4B show a simplified architectural schematic of an existing <u>virtual machine</u> (VM) 10 as defined by Lindholm, Tim and Yellin, Frank (1999). THE JAVA VIRTUAL MACHINE <u>SPECIFICATION</u>, <u>SECOND EDITION</u>. Reading, <u>Massachusetts</u>: <u>Addison-Wesley</u>. <u>known as a JAVA virtual machine or Java VM 40</u>, although it should be understood that other types of VMs besides Java may also have the features shown in FIGS. 1-4B. Referring specifically to FIG. 1, when a Java application is initiated on a host computer with a host operating system 12, the Java virtual machine (VM) 10 loads the application which may include a class loader 16 and an execution engine 18. Although FIG. 1 indicates a single class loader, in actuality, a Java VM may include multiple class loaders. Thus the class loader 16 may be considered a subsystem that may involve many class loaders. The Java VM 10 has a flexible class loader architecture that enables a Java application to load classes in custom ways.